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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) The method of using sorbic acid as growth-stabilizing addition to agricultural livestock feedstuffs, which method comprises forming a feedstuff composition by adding sorbic acid to agricultural livestock feedstuffs, said sorbic acid present in added to said agricultural livestock feedstuff in a concentration of from 0.5 to 1.0 % by weight, based on the weight of the feedstuff, said feedstuff composition consisting of at least one agricultural livestock feedstuff, sorbic acid and optionally one or more of antioxidants, mineral mixes, vitamin mixes, acid mixes, flavoring products and supplementary feedstuff.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Canceled)
4. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 in pig rearing.
5. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 in cattle rearing.
6. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 in lamb rearing.
7. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 in poultry rearing.
8. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 in rabbit rearing.

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9. (Canceled)

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, said sorbic acid providing a growth rate of agricultural livestock up to 128%.

13. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein said agricultural livestock feedstuff is selected from the group consisting of green fodder, silages, dried green fodder, roots, tubers, fleshy fruits, grains , seeds, brewer's grains, pomace, brewer's yeast, distillation residues, milling byproducts, byproducts of the production of sugar and starch production.

14. (New) A method of using sorbic acid as growth-stabilizing addition to agricultural livestock feedstuffs, which method comprises adding sorbic acid to agricultural livestock feedstuffs, said sorbic acid present in said agricultural livestock feedstuff in a concentration of from 0.5 to 1.0 % by weight, based on the weight of the feedstuff, wherein at least 80 % by weight of said sorbic acid has a particle size below 555 μ m.